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I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed"):

	De	Description, Pages		
	1-3	2	as originally filed	
	Claims, Numbers			
	1-1	0	as originally filed	
	Drawings, Sheets			
	1/i	7-17/17	received on 30.06.2003 with letter of 16.06.2003	
2.	Wit	With regard to the language , all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.		
	The	ese elements were av	ailable or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:	
		the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).		
3.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:			
		contained in the inte	rnational application in written form.	
		filed together with th	e international application in computer readable form.	
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			ntly to this Authority in computer readable form.	
		The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.		
		The statement that to listing has been furn	he information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence ished.	
4.	The	The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:		
		the description,	pages:	
		the claims,	Nos.:	
		the drawings,	sheets:	
5.		This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).		
6.	Add	Additional observations, if necessary:		

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- V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims

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Inventive step (IS)

Claims

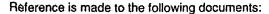
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Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet



- D1: DE 23 31 694 A (UGRINSKY ALEXANDER) 16 January 1975 (1975-01-16) cited in the application
- D2: US-A-6 022 163 (ASFUR AMAL) 8 February 2000 (2000-02-08)
- D3: DE 72 14 661 U (MERK) 28 September 1972 (1972-09-28)
- D4: US-A-4 534 669 (HECK SAMUEL C ET AL) 13 August 1985 (1985-08-13) cited in the application
- D5: GB-A-2 342 403 (EBEDE CHRISTIAN BENN) 12 April 2000 (2000-04-12) cited in the application
- D6: US-A-5 984 555 (SAMAD VICAR) 16 November 1999 (1999-11-16) cited in the application
- D7: EP-A-1 190 644 (GIVAUDAN SA) 27 March 2002 (2002-03-27) cited in the application

1. PRIOR ART

- 1.1 All the technical features of independent claim 1 are disclosed in document D1, (as well as D3 D7). Independent claim 1 is not novel according to Article 33(2) PCT.
- 1.2 The technical features of dependent claims 2-5 & 7-10 are also disclosed in documents D1 & D3-D7. Dependent claims 2-5 & 7-10 also lack novelty according to Article 33(2) PCT.
- 1.3 The additional technical features of dependent claim 6 are also disclosed in the combination of documents D1 & D2. Dependent claim 6 does not involve an inventive step according to Article 33(3) PCT.
- 1.4 The combination of the features of dependent claims 4 & 8 is not rendered obvious by the available prior art. It is suggested therefore that a new independent claim be drafted to include these features, bearing in mind that the features known in combination in D1 should be placed in the preamble of such a claim in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT.

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2. **FURTHER OBSERVATIONS**

- 2.1 The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
- 2.2 It is considered that in independent claim 1 the word "wherein" indicates the characterising part according to Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT. It would be preferable that it be expressed correctly.
- 2.3 In claim 9 the expression "The lavatory cleaning brush.." would be better expressed as "A lavatory cleaning brush..", for clarity reasons as there is no prior reference to any lavatory cleaning brush in the claims.
- 2.4 Claim 10 contains references to the description and the drawings. According to Rule 6.2(a) PCT, claims should not contain such references except where absolutely necessary, which is not the case here.